

claimed, one-half the population of the world. The same causes that have created these conditions in twelve nations are at work elsewhere, and if permitted to continue will bring like conditions of human slaughter, from time to time, to all the other nations of the world.

Evil, and the results of evil, thus multiplying, threaten the overthrow of our civilization till it is in danger of being returned to savagery and numbered with the prehistoric civilizations that have gone before us.

These conditions have brought about widespread discontent and restlessness, affecting all classes of people; new political parties are forming, proposing remedies; and so pronounced has become the discontent and restlessness the women are asking for the right of suffrage, to vote, to try to remedy that, at which, they claim it is conceded, the men have made a failure. And a babble of tongues can be heard over the world.

THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A REMEDY

It is a fixed principle in the practice of spiritual religion that one who is sinful, must admit and become conscious of his or her wickedness before that one can be saved. In other words, one must know his faults before he can be made over anew. To be

conscious of our faults is the first step toward getting rid of them; for how can one do so unless he knows that they are in him? And this is the beginning, the start, to remodel our civilization. It is now a practice with political party speakers to laud the people, to praise them, extol their virtues, and to throw all the blame on a few—meaning that there is no fault with the people. This is wrong. Those whom the people elect fairly represent the average character of the people who elect them.

A man sitting in his business office, recently, handed to his lady cashier, twenty-five pieces of fractional silver coins and had her give to each person to whom she made change, in the payment of their bills, one of the silver pieces in addition to the change due each. She did so. Eight pocketed the change without looking, so they are not to be considered. Of the other seventeen, eleven knowingly kept money that did not belong to them—nine men and two women. Six handed the proper amount back—two women and four men.

We all, more or less, have our faults and the beginning of a remedy is for each, and as a people, to be conscious of our sins, else we cannot be made over anew. To deceive ourselves is a mistake. To ascertain our true character and condition is the part of